

REMARKS

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

Claims 6-10 are objected to because of following informalities.

- 5 The informalities in the remaining claims have been amended. Claim 12 has likewise been amended for the same informality. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action

- 10 The disclosure is objected to because of informalities.

The disclosure has been amended as directed by the Examiner and the applicant request the withdrawal of the objection.

Paragraphs 3 - 8 of the Office Action

- 15 Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Wille et al. Claims 2-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wille et al. Claims 9 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 is allowed.

- 20 Claim 1 has been amended and now includes limitations of claim 9 and all intervening claims. Based on the Examiner's comments, it is believed that amended claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 3-5, 10 and 11, by virtue of their ultimate dependence on claim 1 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

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New Claim 13

New claim 13 includes the limitations of as filed claims 1, 6 and 9 and is believed to be allowable over the art cited. No new matter has been added.

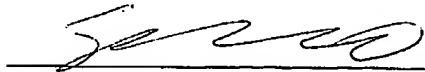
CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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